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Title:	Sensor System Including A Port Body	Group Art Unit: 3763

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Please cancel claims 1-21.

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Please amend claims 22 and 23 as follows:

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22. (Amended) A method for analyzing body fluids, in which a body fluid is accessed for analysis via an implantable means for accessing the fluid, said means comprising a port body implanted in a patient's body, a portion of the port body extending through the skin, said port body comprising a tube arrangement extending into the interior of the body, wherein a test sensor is inserted into the interior of the body via said tube arrangement, and wherein a body fluid is analyzed by the sensor at an intermediate site of said tube arrangement, the body fluid being aspirated to said intermediate site.